

**NATIONAL PHASE  
UTILITY APPLICATION**  
**Transmittal to the (DO/EO/US)**  
**Under 35 USC 371**

Attorney Docket No.: MEISS71.028APC  
First Named Inventor: Martin Imhof  
Int'l Application No.: PCT/EP2004/014151  
Int'l Filing Date: December 13, 2004  
Priority Date Claimed: December 22, 2003  
Title: JOINT SOCKET FOR A HIP ENDOPROSTHESIS

**Direct all correspondence to Customer No.: 20995**

Date: June 22, 2006

Page 1 of 2

**Mail Stop PCT**

United States Patent and Trademark Office

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria VA 22313-1450

The following enclosures are transmitted herewith to be filed in the patent application of:

**Inventors:**

1. Martin Imhof, Switzerland

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:**

- (X) This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
- (X) This is an Express Request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).
- (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is attached hereto.
- (X) An English translation of the International Application as filed is attached hereto.
- (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)):
  - (X) have not been made and will not be made.

**OTHER APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:**

- (X) Version for National Phase in English.
- (X) Preliminary Amendment in 9 pages.
- (X) International Search Report dated April 4, 2005.
- (X) A copy of the Publication of the International Application WO 2005/063148.
- (X) Notification Concerning Submission of Priority Document dated February 14, 2005.
- (X) First Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application dated July 28, 2005.
- (X) Information Concerning Elected Offices Notified of their Election dated August 11, 2005.
- (X) Second and Supplementary Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application dated April 27, 2006.
- (X) Notification of the Recording of a Change dated May 12, 2006.
- (X) Preliminary Examination Report dated May 12, 2006.

**NATIONAL PHASE  
UTILITY APPLICATION**  
**Transmittal to the (DO/EO/US)**  
**Under 35 USC 371**

Attorney Docket No.: MEISS71.028APC  
First Named Inventor: Martin Imhof  
Int'l Application No.: PCT/EP2004/014151  
Int'l Filing Date: December 13, 2004  
Priority Date Claimed: December 22, 2003  
Title: JOINT SOCKET FOR A HIP ENDOPROSTHESIS

**Direct all correspondence to Customer No.: 20995**

Date: June 22, 2006

Page 2 of 2

(X) An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 equivalent listing references for consideration:

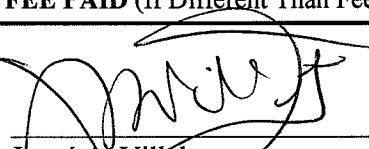
(X) Listing 8 references.

(X) Enclosing 6 references.

**FILING FEES:**

FEE CALCULATION			
FEE TYPE & DETERMINATION		LARGE FEE	CALCULATION
Basic Filing Fee under 1.492(a)		1631 (\$300)	
Search Fee under 1.492(b) (enter one in TOTAL column)			
(1)	USPTO was ISA/IPEA & claims satisfy Art. 33 (1)-(4)	1640 (\$0)	
(2)	USPTO was the ISA (noncompliant claims)	1641 (\$100)	
(3)	Foreign Search Report Enclosed	1642 (\$400)	
(4)	No Search Report Enclosed	1632 (\$500)	
Examination Fee under 1.492(c) (enter one in TOTAL column)			
(1)	USPTO was ISA/IPEA & claims satisfy Art. 33 (1)-(4)	1643 (\$0)	
(2)	Non US IPEA or Noncompliant Claims	1633 (\$200)	
Excess Claims	7 - 20 = 0	1615 (\$50)	0 x 50 =
Excess Ind. Claims	2 - 3 = 0	1614 (\$200)	0 x 200 =
Multiple Dep. Claim		1616 (\$360)	
Application Size Fee	10 - 100 = 0	1681 (\$125250)	0 x 250 =
			<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>
			<b>\$900</b>
<b>TOTAL FEE PAID (If Different Than Fee Due)</b>			<b>\$900</b>

(X) Total Fee Due will be paid through EFS Web.

  
Josué A. Villalta  
Registration No. 54,511  
Attorney of Record  
Customer No. 20,995  
(949) 760-0404